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1. The Silver and Metalware Factory at Arad, 20 Calea Blanduzei, originally manufactured costume jewelry and pressed and stamped silver and metalware, including boxes, cups as prizes for sporting events, medals and emblems. After its nationalization the factory came under the control of the Organizatia Sportului Popular (OSP) and later changed into a state enterprise for sports equipment attached to the Committee for Physical Culture and Sport under the control of the Council of Ministers and is the only factory of this kind in Rumania. The factory now manufactures various metal parts for sports equipment.
2. The factory's equipment includes one small lathe, two small turret lathes, one 120-ton press, one 180-ton hydraulic press, eccentric presses of 75, 50, 40, and 25 tons, a small foundry for bronze and brass, and gold, silver, nickel and cadmium plating installations. In 1951 the factory had 180 workers, working in three shifts. The raw materials used are sheet brass, copper and steel of various thicknesses, supplied by the Metrom and Laminorul factories.
3. Because of the decrease in sports activities in 1950, the factory did not receive enough orders, and began the production of ski-bindings, based on a Finnish model, suitable for ski troops. In 1950 metal parts were made for 54,000 pairs of bindings and delivered to the army. Orders for 250,000 pairs of bindings each were placed by the Rumanian and the Soviet armies for 1951, at a total value of 100,000,000 lei. Only the smaller presses are used to make the bindings, so the factory is again manufacturing fancy goods, metal boxes, compacts, et cetera.
4. In 1950 the total output of the factory was valued at 27,000,000 lei.

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